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REMARKS

Status Summary

In this amendment, claims 1, 7, 12, 16, 18, 22-24, and 26 have been amended. Claims 38-44 have been canceled. Therefore, upon entry of this amendment, claims 1-12 and 14-37 will be pending.

Allowable Subject Matter

Claims 38-44 stand objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim. the Examiner indicated that claims 38-44 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Regarding claim 38, claim 38 depends from claim 1. Claim 1 has been amended to include the features of claim 38. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 1 should be allowable. Further, claim 38 has been canceled, and thus the objection to claim 38 should be withdrawn.

Regarding claim 39, claim 39 depends from claim 7. Claim 7 has been amended to include the features of claim 39. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 7 should be allowable. Further, claim 39 has been canceled, and thus the objection to claim 39 should be withdrawn.

Regarding claim 40, claim 40 depends from claim 12. Claim 12 has been amended to include the features of claim 40. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 12 should be allowable. Further, claim 40 has been canceled, and thus the objection to claim 40 should be withdrawn.

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Regarding claim 41, claim 41 depends from claim 16. Claim 16 has been amended to include the features of claim 41. The language of claim 41 that is incorporated in claim 16 has been amended to be consistent with the language of claim 16. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 16 should be allowable. Further, claim 41 has been canceled, and thus the objection to claim 41 should be withdrawn.

Regarding claim 42, claim 42 depends from claim 18. Claim 18 has been amended to include the features of claim 42. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 18 should be allowable. Further, claim 42 has been canceled, and thus the objection to claim 42 should be withdrawn.

Regarding claim 43, claim 43 depends from claim 24. Claim 24 has been amended to include the features of claim 43. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 24 should be allowable. Further, claim 43 has been canceled, and thus the objection to claim 43 should be withdrawn.

Regarding claim 44, claim 44 depends from claim 26. Claim 26 has been amended to include the features of claim 44. Therefore, Applicants respectfully submit that claim 26 should be allowable. Further, claim 44 has been canceled, and thus the objection to claim 44 should be withdrawn.

The remaining claims depend from a claim that was indicated as allowable by the Examiner. Accordingly, all of the claims should now be in condition for allowance and a Notice of Allowance is respectfully requested.

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Upon reviewing the claims, Applicants noted that dependent claims 22 and 23, which recite a signaling node, improperly depended from claim 17, which recites a method. Claims 22 and 23 have been amended to depend from claim 18, which has been indicated as allowable and which recites a signaling mode. Accordingly, the amendment to claims 22 and 23 should not raise any new issues. Entry of these amendments is respectfully requested.

A clarifying amendment has also been made to claim 1, which should not raise any new issues. In particular, in line 5 of claim 1 "the a" has been replaced by "a". Entry of this amendment is also respectfully requested.

CONCLUSION

In light of the above amendments and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that the present application is now in proper condition for allowance, and an early notice to such effect is earnestly solicited.

If any small matter should remain outstanding after the Patent Examiner has had an opportunity to review the above Remarks, the Patent Examiner is respectfully requested to telephone the undersigned patent attorney in order to resolve these matters and avoid the issuance of another Official Action.

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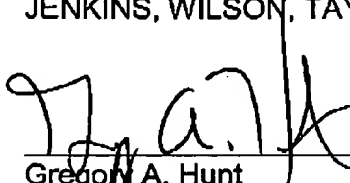
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Respectfully submitted,

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